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## CUBA.

*Smallpox and yellow fever in Cuban seaports.*

August 3: The United States consul at Cardenas reports that during the week ended July 31 there were in that city 2 deaths from yellow fever and 1 death from smallpox.

August 2: The United States consul at Cienfuegos reports that during the two weeks ended August 1 there were in that city 29 deaths from yellow fever.

August 7: The United States sanitary inspector at Habana reports that during the week ended August 5 there were in that city 28 deaths from yellow fever and no deaths from smallpox.

July 19: The United States consular agent at Manzanillo reports that during the two weeks ended July 15 there were in that city 4 deaths from yellow fever.

July 30: The United States sanitary inspector at Matanzas reports that during the week ended July 28 there were in that city 6 deaths from yellow fever.

July 24: The United States consul at Santiago de Cuba reports that during the week ended July 24 there were in that city 23 deaths from yellow fever.

*Suspicious case on the British schooner Sirocco.*

HABANA, CUBA, August 2, 1897.

SIR: I was called to see several sick men on the British schooner *Sirocco*, from Weymouth, Nova Scotia, with lumber, on Saturday, July 31. This vessel I found at the Tallapiedra Wharf, where she was discharging her cargo. Two men were sick with malarial fever, and one man, a negro, was found to have a suspicious eruption, investing face, neck, and forearms thickly, and some few points of the eruption were found on other parts of the body. This man was taken sick on Friday morning, or more probably on Thursday, with a chill, followed by fever, pains in back, and frontal headache, and while I could not make a positive diagnosis of smallpox, I considered the case suspicious, and on my advice the man was removed to a hospital, the rest of the crew vaccinated, and the contents of fore-castle sterilized, and that compartment fumigated. Today I learn that the case is still considered suspicious, and a positive diagnosis not yet made by the attending physician. I boarded this vessel on her arrival July 21, but as the master did not know he was going to an American port, I could not enforce vaccination at that time. He now has orders to load at Pascagoula, Miss. He will leave this port on Saturday or Sunday next via Ship Island. I shall send a history of the vessel while in this port to Passed Assistant Surgeon Smith, and I will cable the Bureau if the man in the hospital has smallpox, should the diagnosis be confirmed.

Very respectfully,

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